ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 12 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

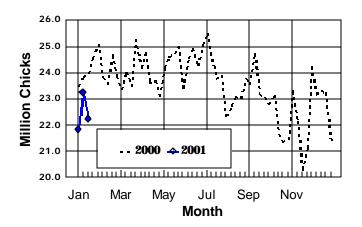
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 22.2 million during the week ending January 20, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were down 12 percent from the comparable week in 2000, and 4 percent below the previous week, and included 2.7 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through January 20, 2001 were 67.3 million, down 9 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 22.1 million, down 12 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and 7 percent below the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 81.5 percent.

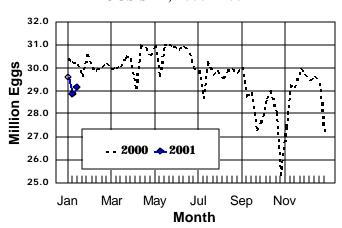
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 29.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 20, 2001, down 5 percent from the same period last year, but 1 percent above the previous week.

	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICK	S HATCI	HED	EGGS SET			
Week Ending	99-00	00-01	% Change	99-00	00-01	% Change	99-00	00-01	% Change	
	1,000			1,000			1,000			
Dec. 16	24,092	23,334	97	24,833	24,856	100	30,644	29,661	97	
Dec. 23	23,503	23,229	99	25,179	24,531	97	30,429	29,348	96	
Dec. 30	20,469	21,286	104	20,211	23,577	117	23,237	27,110	117	
Jan. 6	24,005	21,817	91	25,430	23,608	93	30,205	29,608	98	
Jan. 13	24,581	23,255	95	25,232	23,689	94	29,653	28,905	97	
Jan. 20	25,127	22,229	88	25,132	22,086	88	30,636	29,167	95	

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2000 - 2001



EGGS SET, 2000 - 2001



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2000 - 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)							CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)					
Week Ending 1/					Week Ending						1/	
STATE	30-Dec	06-Jan	13-Jan	20-Jan	%	16-Dec	23-Dec	30-Dec	06-Jan	13-Jan	20-Jan	%
Alabama	27,790	27,614	27,945	27,528	95	21,374	21,582	19,783	21,244	21,435	20,726	97
ARKANSAS	27,110	29,608	28,905	29,167	95	23,334	23,229	21,286	21,817	23,255	22,229	88
Delaware	3,962	4,103	4,021	4,118	93	4,237	4,634	5,520	4,691	4,973 *	4,808	100
Florida	2,433	2,234	2,585	2,499	92	2,142	2,118	2,486	2,373	2,402	2,340	107
Georgia	30,491	30,745	30,833	30,628	97	24,944	24,775	24,312	24,353	24,214 *	24,631	99
Maryland	8,388	8,140	8,448	8,694	103	5,665	5,714	4,253	5,690	5,193 *	5,404	85
Mississippi	17,875	18,136	18,144 *	18,100	101	15,244	14,994	15,167	15,240	15,339 *	14,870	105
N. Carolina	18,209 *	17,526	17,833	17,903	102	14,152	14,376	13,270	14,383	14,634	14,466	108
Pennsylvania	3,201 *	3,477 *	3,458 *	3,515	102	2,615 *	2,729 *	2,471 *	2,555 *	2,657 *	2,541	91
S. Carolina	4,667	4,826	4,713	4,823	98	4,199	3,961	3,957	3,793	3,836	4,058	104
Texas	14,519	14,447	14,380	14,412	102	11,554	11,362	11,648	11,328	11,285	11,345	103
Virginia	6,369	6,385	6,409 *	6,481	103	5,536	5,146	5,171	4,825	5,254 *	5,221	100
CATN & W VA	11,095	11,003	11,291	11,687	109	9,834	9,461	9,382	10,136	9,328	9,598	97
TOTAL 2000	176,109 *	178,244 *	178,965 *	179,555		144,830 *	144,081 *	138,706 *	142,428 *	143,805 *	142,237	
TOTAL 1999	181,480	181,901	180,679	181,734		144,828	143,292	144,382	144,090	144,745	145,179	
% PREV. YEAR	97	98	99	99		100	101	96	99	99	98	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2001						03-Feb	10-Feb	17-Feb	24-Feb	03-Mar	10-Mar	

^{*} Revised.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 180 million eggs during the week ending January 20, 2001. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 142 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 20, 2001. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through January 20, 2001 were 428 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

^{1/} Current week as percent of the same week last year.